

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The packet buffer memory management method system according to claim [[1]] 3, wherein said operation control method for the received packets includes delay for the packet, packet loss, packet order inversion, or error insertion, and said service classes are classified by an IP address or TCP/UDP port number comprised by the header portion of said packet.

3. (currently amended) A packet buffer management system, comprising:

a packet type identification control portion attaching a TAG information for identifying a service class to a received packet according to an identification information of the received packet and outputting the received packet with the TAG information,

a buffer memory to store the received packets packet; and

a buffer management control portion to control writing and reading [[of]] the received packets packet attached with the TAG information to and from said buffer memory. [[:]]

wherein the buffer management control portion includes,

a service class characteristic table in which are set an operation control methods is set for packets each received packet, corresponding to a service classes included in header portions of the received packets class, which is identified by the TAG information; and,

a conversion portion table in which are stored allocated areas of said buffer memory corresponding to service classes are stored,

wherein said conversion portion table modifies the allocated areas of said buffer memory

according to the number of service class settings in said service class characteristic table.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The packet buffer management system according to Claim 3, further comprising a packet pointer management memory to store transfer pointers indicating the storage position of packets stored in said packet buffer and time stamp values indicating the time at which packets are stored,

wherein said buffer management control portion performs control of received packets based on packet existence ~~information~~ notification and said time stamp values ~~within said packet buffer~~, and based on the operation control method for the received packets, set in said service class characteristic table.

6. (currently amended) The packet buffer management system according to Claim 5, wherein, as an operation control method of said buffer management control portion, received packet order inversion and router path modification are performed by moving the transfer pointer based on said time stamp value.

7. (original) The packet buffer management system according to Claim 3, wherein operations to store packets in said buffer memory, packet registration operations, transfer pointer read operations, and packet transfer analysis operations are each performed in parallel.

8. (currently amended) The packet buffer management system according to Claim 5,

further comprising means for storing in said packet pointer management memory the time of packet storage in said packet buffer as the time stamp, and for judging whether the packet can be transferred by comparing said time stamp with the reference time within the buffer management control device portion at the time of packet transfer analysis, wherein when a preset delay time has not elapsed, said time stamp is stored in a time stamp buffer provided in service class units, and in subsequent transfer analysis the time stamp within said time stamp buffer is compared with the reference time.